

City of Newburgh

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A Memorable Memorial Day Weekend Planned In the City of Newburgh

Always a favorite City of Newburgh tradition, Memorial Day Weekend in the City of Newburgh will have even more to offer this year. In addition to the wreath-laying at local cemeteries and Memorial Day parade and services sponsored by area veterans, several community groups and local artists are making the holiday weekend extra special with a full venue of events.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday May 27:

The **Arts Alliance** will host an opening of the **Robin Cobb Exhibit** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, 155 Liberty Street.

Che' and Tash-Be Entertainment will host **Movie Night Out** on Broadway between Liberty Street and Grand Street, beginning at dusk. The movie will be family fare, and Vendors for movie-type snacks are welcome. This is their first attempt to bring "Outdoor Movie" excitement back to the City of Newburgh, so come out and enjoy. Bring your own chair. Call Che' or Tash-Be at 565-4166 for more information.

Saturday, May 28:

River Art Walk; Newburgh's portion of the ongoing celebration of **Art Along the Hudson, 4 Cities, 4 Saturdays**, begins at the waterfront and continues in many fine galleries within the City. Art lovers can enjoy spectacular Hudson River vistas while visiting the "open air gallery" at the waterfront, then stroll over to Yellow Bird Gallery at 19 Front Street. Other venues for the arts open for Newburgh's "Last Saturday" River Art Walk include: The Arts Alliance, 155 Liberty Street, Arcadian Basket Café, 89 Liberty Street, Café Macchiato, 99 Liberty Street, Crawford House Museum,

189 Montgomery Street, Downing Park Shelter House, Downing Park, Eric Jarman & Co. Gallery, 691 Broadway, Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, 94 Broadway, Newburgh Artisans Gallery, 87 Ann Street, Newburgh Free Library Gallery, 124 Grand Street, Gallery in a Vineyard, Benmarl Winery, Highland Avenue, Marlboro, The Peter Billman Gallery, 227 Montgomery Street, PhotoNewburgh, 113 Liberty Street, Pride of the Hudson, Newburgh Landing, and Washington's Headquarters, 84 Liberty Street. Artists interested in displaying their works at River Art Walk should contact RAW at rawsubmit@hvc.rr.com. For more information, visit www.kcomps.com/raw, or www.artalongthehudson.com

On Saturday and Sunday, from noon to dusk, **Trestle, Inc.** will be offering commemorative bricks for the walkway in front of the proposed **Trestle Mural Project** at the waterfront. This is a great opportunity to remember a special loved one or just celebrate Newburgh and be a part of the City's renaissance.

For a look at the upcoming Mural Project, Trestle muralist **Garin Baker** will be projecting a slide show on the Trestle wall of the photo reference to be used in the painting of the Mural this summer. Collaborating with Senior graphic design students from Newburgh Free Academy with the guidance of Jeff Gebhardt, this slide show extravaganza will loop continuously from 8 p.m. -10 p.m. on Sat and Sunday evening.

If you don't have enough to do on **Saturday**, May 28, you might enjoy a **Hip-Hop Basketball Tournament** at the Gidney Avenue Basketball Court from 3-8 p.m. This is a fun-filled Family Day, and the competition is "Co-ed and Co-aged." Each of four teams will have 10 co-ed players of various ages. All players must compete or the team will be disqualified. This is the perfect time for Coaches and Assistant Coaches to come out and show off your skills. Refreshments will be served, and the winning team receives a team basketball T-Shirts. A "Just to get a Rep" Freestyle Competition and D.J. Battle will precede Basketball Tournament. Call Che' and Tash-Be Entertainment, 565-4166 for more information.

Also on **Saturday**, May 28, the Newburgh **Memorial Day Parade Committee** will be distributing staff flags at the City of Newburgh Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for decorating the graves of veterans only.

The **Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands** has a very special day planned as part of their **Last Saturday** programming. There will be a presentation by Kris Hansen on her book, "Death Passage: The Wreck of the Henry Clay," from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Newburgh Heritage

Center, (former Grand Street courthouse) 123 Grand Street, followed by a Newburgh Remembered on River Boats (Day Lines, Ferries, etc.) from 4-6 p.m. The day will culminate on the Crawford House Lawn, 180 Clinton Street at 6 p.m., at which time people can bring a picnic and listen to music. Visit www.newburghhistoricalsociety.com for more information.

Sunday, May 29:

All are welcome to honor our deceased veterans as the **Newburgh Memorial Day Parade Committee** visits 17 area cemeteries and monuments for wreath-laying and services with a Marine Color Guard. The motorcade will depart from 62 Grand Street at 8:30 a.m. and visit all area cemeteries to place wreaths and flags. Call Elwin Wayman at 561-6604 for more information.

Also on Sunday, St. George's Episcopal Church will hold a **"Blessing of the Gates"** at St. George's Cemetery, 147 Washington Street at noon along with the final **Newburgh Memorial Day Parade Committee** ceremony. The gates have recently been repaired by Ironworkers 417 apprentices as a service to the community. Established in 1838 to accommodate the overflow from Newburgh's Old Town Cemetery, St. George's Cemetery continues as a present-day burial ground, open to all. Located three blocks west of Washington's Headquarters, it is the resting place of veterans of all American wars from the Revolution until Gulf I. The diversity of Newburgh and the neighborhood is reflected in the names inscribed on the tombstones

Designed as a classic nineteenth century rural burying ground and landscaped park, since 1985 St. George's Cemetery has been listed as a "Contributing Property" on the National Register of Historic Places. It is considered historically important not only for notables buried there but also for its landscape and the architecture of its tombstones and mausoleums. Over seven acres, it is the second largest park property within the Newburgh Historic District (after Downing Park).

Che and Tash-Be Entertainment will be hosting **"Puttin' on the Ritz"** a Multi-Talented, Multi-Cultural Amateur Night Event showcasing the creative talents of some of Hudson Valley's rising stars, at St. Patrick's School auditorium, 156 Liberty Street, (behind St. Patrick's Church) from 5-8 p.m. on **Sunday**. Doors open at 4:30. Included in this show will be "Who Got Served," a dance competition battle featuring choreographers from Newburgh and Kingston, and one of Newburgh's own: recording artist Timothy Hazell performing his new hit single. Refreshments will be served.

For info Contact Sister Helen Marie at 561-5345 or Che' and Tash-Be at 565-4166.

On **Memorial Day, May 30**, the **Memorial Day Parade** steps off from its formation on West and Third Street promptly at 10 a.m. The Parade proceeds down Broadway, then turns onto Liberty Street to Washington's Headquarters. **Memorial Day Services** will begin at Washington's Headquarters at approximately 11:30 a.m. This year's Grand Marshal is combat veteran Robert Bowman; Honorary Grand Marshall is Elwin Wayman.

Recalling the tradition of families visiting **Downing Park** on holidays, the Downing Park Planning Committee has planned an exciting **"Afternoon in the Park"** after the services at Washington's Headquarters. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy the afternoon in this glorious landscape. View the art exhibit in the Visitor's Center at the Shelter House, preview plans to restore the Pergola, and at 1 p.m. gather at the amphitheater for a kick off summer music event featuring the John Notar Trio with special guests, including Lexi Lawsen. The program will include both jazz and pop selections by these talented students from Newburgh Free Academy, and is an event not to be missed.

Memorial Day observances in the City of Newburgh will conclude with the reading of the names of deceased veterans at the **Orange County Veterans Monument**, Park Place and Marine Drive, at 3 p.m.

"There is truly something for everyone to do in the City of Newburgh on this very important weekend," said City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane. "Not only will we honor those who gave their lives in the service of their country, but we will celebrate the art and history of the City of Newburgh in a very special way."